AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 4, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Bill Jones – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman          Councilmember Ann Cheng
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini          Councilmember Janet Abelson

ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Councilmember Benassini.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (Reports of Closed Session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & City Staff.)

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please state your name and city of residence for the record. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and consent calendar items will be heard first. Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda are taken up at the time the City Council deliberates each action item. Individuals wishing to comment on any closed session scheduled after the regular meeting may do so during this public comment period or after formal announcement of the closed session.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Recognizing Teri McKeever

Present and approve a proclamation recognizing and commending Teri McKeever on her accomplishments not only as the head coach of the U.S. Olympic Women’s Swim Team for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and as head coach of the California Golden
Bears Womens Swim Team but also for making strides for female coaches in athletics and the field of swimming.

B. **Proclamation Recognizing Carol Tang, Ph.D.**

Approve and present a proclamation recognizing and commending Dr. Carol Tang on her designation as one of twelve women honored as “Leading Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM),” and for her significant contributions in working to advance and recognize the importance of education for youth.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5C**

   *Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.*

   **A. Minutes for Approval**

   Approve the November 20, 2012 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

   **B. Declaring and Confirming the Results of the November 6, 2012 General Election (To be delivered)**

   Adopt a resolution declaring and confirming the results of the November 6, 2012 election.

   **C. Co-Sponsored Groups – Grant to the Community Alliance for Learning for the Writer-Coach Connection Program**

   At the request of Councilmember Benassini, accept an application from the Community Alliance for Learning for the Writer Coach Connection Program and approve a one-time grant in the amount of $2,500 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 off-cycle from the budget process.

6. **RECOGNITION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS LEAVING OFFICE**


7. **BRIEF RECESS**

8. **SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

   **Administration of the Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificate of Election:**

   - **Mark Friedman**, elected to the City Council to a term ending 2016. Mr. Friedman previously served on the El Cerrito City Council April 1997– December 2004.

   - **Greg Lyman**, re-elected to the City Council to a term ending 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman’s first term on the City Council was 2008 – 2012.

   - **Jan Bridges**, will be sworn in prior to the December 18, 2012 City Council meeting. Ms. Bridges previously served on the City Council 2004 – 2008.

9. **POLICY MATTERS**

   **City Council Reorganization**

   Election of City Council Officers.
10. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is December 18, 2012. The meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

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- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, (510) 215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

- **The Deadline for agenda items and communications** is eight days prior to the next meeting by 12 noon, City Clerk’s Office, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215–4305 Fax: 215–4379, email cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

- IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. ACTIONS CHALLENGING CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1094.6.

- The City Council believes that late night meetings deter public participation, can affect the Council’s decision-making ability, and can be a burden to staff. City Council Meetings shall be adjourned by 10:30 p.m., unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.